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UNITED NATIONS, OCT. 26, REUTER--SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM ESTIMATED TODAY THAT THE U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING WOULD HAVE TO TOTAL AT LEAST 7,000 TROOPS AT A COST OF UP TO 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID THESE FIGURES WOULD APPEAR IN THE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED BY HIM TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL LATER TODAY, IN RESPONSE TO ITS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FORCE.

MEANWHILE, THE FIRST UNITS WERE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY TO THE MIDDLE EAST FROM CYPRUS, WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN ON DUTY WITH THE U.N. FORCE THERE, UNFICYP.

A SPOKESMAN SAID 25 SWEDES, 39 FINNS AND 37 AUSTRIANS WERE BEING TRANSPORTED IN BRITISH PLANES FROM NICOSIA TO CAIRO AND OTHERS OF THE ADVANCE PARTY WOULD CONTINUE TO FLY IN TONIGHT AND TOMORROW, FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 600 OFFICERS AND MEN.  
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